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REMARKS

Entry of the above-noted amendments, reconsideration of the Application, and allowance of all claims pending are respectfully requested. By this amendment, claims 1, 11-14, 21-22, and 24-27 are amended. These amendments to the claims constitute a bona fide attempt by Applicant to advance prosecution of the Application and obtain allowance of the pending claims, and are in no way meant to acquiesce to the substance of the rejections. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification (e.g., in the published version of the Application, namely, *Larner et al.* US Pub. 2005/0157198, ¶ 29-30), drawings (e.g., FIGS. 2B and 2C), and claims and thus, no new matter has been added. Claims 1-27 are pending.

Interview on June 19, 2007:

The amendments herein follow an Interview Summary mailed June 26, 2007 regarding a telephone conference between the Examiner, the Examiner's Supervisor, and Applicant's Attorney on June 19, 2007 in which the claims, the specification, and the art of the record were discussed. Positive discussion and consideration occurred during the telephone conference in connection with the claims presented herewith, including Kido et al. (US Pub. 2005/0052553) in view of Hamada et al. (USP 5,943,512) and Applicant's claims 1, 14, and 27. The time and courtesy afforded Applicant's Attorney are gratefully acknowledged by Applicant.

Claim Objections

Claims 12 and 26 are objected to because of informalities. With respect to claim 12, the suggestion graciously suggested by the Examiner in the 5/4/07 Office Action has been followed to add "the" before the first occurrence of "first frames" in claim 12 presented herewith. With respect to claim 26, the suggestion graciously suggested by the Examiner in the 5/4/07 Office Action has been followed to add "the" before the first occurrence of "first frames" in claim 26 presented herewith, which now recites, *inter alia*, "first digital frames".

Withdrawal of the claim objections is therefore respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103:

Claims 1-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kido et al. (US Pub. 2005/0052553) in view of Hamada et al. (USP 5,943,512). Without acquiescing in the rejections, Applicant respectfully submits the rejections are moot in view of the claim amendments presented herewith.

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While Applicant does not acquiesce in the modification or combination of the Examiner's citations to the applied references, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's citations to the applied references even so modified or combined, do not teach or suggest one or more elements of the claimed invention. The missing elements are neither well-known in the art nor mere predictable uses or variations of the cited prior art.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's citations to the applied references do not teach or suggest one or more elements of the claimed invention. A careful reading of the Examiner's citations to the applied references fails to set forth a sustainable basis that the references teach or suggest, for example, performing a coarse focus based on the first frames, when the scene change has been detected; capturing second frames having a second resolution greater than the first resolution and adjusting the focus setting based on the second frames to achieve a best focus, when the scene change has been detected; and performing a fine adjustment to the exposure setting, when the best focus has been achieved, as recited in Applicant's independent claim 1. This point was discussed during the Interview.

For at least the reasons presented above with reference to claim 1, claims 1, 14, and 27 are believed neither anticipated nor obvious over the art of record. This point was discussed during the Interview. The corresponding dependent claims are believed allowable for at least the same reasons as independent claims 1, 14, and 27, as well as for their own additional characterizations.

Withdrawal of the § 103 rejections is therefore respectfully requested.

Therefore, in light of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-27.

At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.25. Additionally charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees.

Please consider this a general authorization to charge any fee that is due in this case, if not otherwise timely paid, to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Applicant hereby authorizes charging of Deposit Account No. 08-2025 for any additional fees associated with entering the aforementioned claims.

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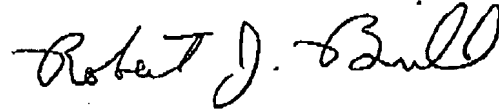
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Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

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